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THE MERRY FRIAR.

"I am a friar of orders grey.—Song.

On one of those warm evenings of July, when indolence reigns triumphant alike over the sun-burnt laborer and the lord for whom he tills and toils, a seek, though humble son of the church, (one of the class denominated mendicant friars, who, in the olden time, had a "royal commission" to fight in the good cause of the established faith) was solacing himself in the agreeable shade of wide-spreading elm, which extended its protecting branches over a most inviting nook of green turf, besides which trickled a tiny rivulet;—this worthy priest errant, I say, was solacing himself with cheese of ewe's milk and a dry crust from his scrip, when a young knight, unattended, came slowly winding through the green lane upon his steed; both, in truth, appearing travel-weary.

"Good even to thee, father," said the knight, courteously accosting the friar.

"Good knight,—good even,"—replied the other.

"By'r lady!—father, thou hast chosen a cool retreat."

"And yet it is a marvel, sir knight, that thou shouldst admire that which thy valor would scorn."

"How! what should my valor scorn?"

"Marry, sir knight, a retreat, to be sure," said the friar; "for of a variety of use of the sword and buckler notoriously prefer the use of your arms to your legs; (while we, the servants of the church, have (like scolds) only our tongues for our weapons.)"

"Bestrew me, sir friar, but thou art a wag," cried the knight, "and I'll have a word with thee."

"Nay, I pray thee, valiant, have no words with me," interrupted the friar, "for I'm inclined to no quarrel; I am a preacher of peace, who am right glad to win a little piece for my preaching."

"A quarrel!—by my knighthood!—I'm more inclined to rest and good fellowship!—holy friar."

"And by my monkhood! so am I! and yet who shall look upon us twain and aver we are not hostile?" said the friar; "the merest clown, that had no more brains in his count than my walking-staff, regarding thy casque and my shaven crown, would, in his obtuse perception, proclaim a difference between us; and what's a difference but a quarrel?"

"Nay, then, let's fall to, and fair words for our weapons," answered the knight, falling in with his humor, and dismounting, seated himself down by the friar.

"Agreed!" quoth the friar; "and so begins and ends the contest—an engagement! Now couch thee in this greensward comfortably; and far better is it for thee to be beside me, or even a sordid beggar, than beside thyself, for then thou wouldst be mad of a surety."

"By my fay! an' thou be'st not as droll a clerk as ever girded up his loins in sackcloth and hempen. But, father, how fits this humor with thy serious vocation?"

"Truly like a light heart and a clear conscience upon a full stomach. Garb him as ye list, a man's still a man. It's my nature to be blithe; and, therefore, I hold it sinful to sport a mask of gravity. Some who wear the cowl look upon it as a symbol of sadness as well as scanty; for my part I honestly confess I regard my cowl only as a lively hood and yet—continued the friar, with mock-seriousness, placing his palms upon his corporation—"behold how my mirthfulness and good-humor runneth to waste! O! it's a sad world we live in, sir knight."

The knight laughed heartily at the jocose conceits of the jolly friar, and almost imperceptibly began to quibble in the same strain; and, alighted, he preferred rather to provoke the good-humored garrulity of his companion than to hear himself discourse.

"Only to see how wit engendereth wit," cried the friar, "as naturally as bears bear bears, or wolves and churchmen—prey! By St. Mary, sir knight, we are well met, and by thy good-will we'll part not ere we drink a chirping-cup together. A league hence stands a hostelry, where I propose to spend the night and a mark to boot, for beshrew me and there be not as good a flaggon of wine to be had there as ever made a dull eye or a light heel."

"Have with thee then?" replied the knight, "for I lack refection after a hard day's ride; and would fain reach our destination ere night-fall."

"And yet nightfall can have no terrors for thee, for in thy time thou must have seen many a knight fall even at noon-day!"

"Ay, truly many a brave knight have I seen his seat, who has borne his discomfiture with a grin."

"Worthy the thrown, naithless," interposed the friar laughing, "with nothing but a cracked crown to support his dignity withal! And this is what you men of valor term sport. Heaven save me from such jests, quotha! An doughty knight making another appear foolish, wherefore peradventure the king maketh him a foolish peer, and thus the game runs!"

"Nay, I charge thee—"

"Charge me not, I pray thee, sir knight," quickly retorted the friar, "for lo! I am unarmed; I bear neither arms nor malice, albeit in a sort, I may myself be termed a *buckler*—seeing that I am a priest of Hymen, and licensed to tack together the sexes."

"Go to, friar, I am no match for thee," "No, by St. Mary! the church allows us no match. The priest tacks, but does not tax himself with a wife.—The progeny of our church are all children by adoption! But, be-seech thee, mount, sir knight, and let us jog on; and thanks to thy company that will make a wayfarer's way fairer."

Having, after a short progress, rendered shorter by the pleasantry of the friar arrived at the aforementioned hostelry, where the mendicant was instantly recognized and heartily welcomed, the knight provided his steed with good quarters, and a liberal supply of corn, unarmed, and sat down with the friar to the discussion of the promised flaggon, which was agreeably accompanied by the corner of a coney pie and the remnant of a delicious relish, which a healthy appetite gave unusual pish.

Filling a horn with the sparkling wine, the knight said, "I'll give thee, friar, the Church of England!"

"And I the—*belles!*" replied the friar significantly, quaffing his measure at a single draught; and it was evident enough by the thickness of his speech and the stupid glare of his small grey eyes, that his wit was tottering on the very brink of inebriation.

"I fear me, most delectable friar," said the knight, who was drooping—as fast as his boon companion, "that thou art incorrigible. Thou wilt assuredly drop into the embraces of sleep with a jest in thy mouth."

"It's all nature—and nature—the force of nature, most valiant knight, is irresistible. I confess my errors; my errors;—and here's a parallel,—a parallel 'twixt my profession and my confession. My profession is—mendicant;—my confession is—*mend I can't!*"

And so saying down rolled the burly friar and the sturdy knight upon the floor of the hostelry, in the rushes whereof they found a sweet and sound repose.

From the New York Constellation and Atlas.

HURRAH FOR OLD KENTUCK!

WHOOOP!!!

Here we have it, "on a large scale,"—a roarer from the Salt Licks, chock full of fun and fight, fisting and feeling, frolic and friendliness—all united in one man, and set forth at length in a work just issued by the brothers Harper, entitled, "Sketches and Eccentricities of Colonel David Crockett, of East Tennessee."

He is a little the *savagist* critter you ever did see! The wild man of the woods, is nothing to him—not a circumstance—not a buckskinberry; and Manchuens, who shot a bear, when all the ammunition he possessed was two spare flints, can't hold a candle to the Colonel! He's got the fastest horse, and the prettiest sister, the surest rifle, and the ugliest dog, in the district; and though his father can whip any man in all Kentucky, he can lick his father! He can run faster, dive deeper, stay longer under, and come out drier, than any other chap this side the big swamp; and can grin the bark off a tree—look a panther to death—tote a steamboat on his back—and stand three streaks of lightning without dodging—besides playing at "rough and tumble" with a lion, with an occasional kick from a zebra! To sum up all in one word—*he's a horse!*

The Colonel is a curio varmint! but he's a screamer! Goliath was a pretty hard colt, but the Colonel goes ahead—he takes the rag off! he frightens the old folks—astonishes the natives—and beats the Dutch all to smash! He makes nothing of sleeping under a blanket of snow, and no more minds being frozen than a rotten apple. He lives, moves, rides, walks, runs, swims, fights, hunts, courts, marries, and has children, on a great scale! The same of his farm—the land is so rich, he will tell you, that if you plant tenpenny nails at night, they will sprout crowbars by morning! His neighbors are half horse, half alligator, and a touch of earthquake, with a small sprinkling of the steamboat, besides being of the real mant axo disposition, and always wolfish about the head.

He *liquors* on a glass of "under and lightning" that's hotter than tophet, and bites like a rattlesnake; or for *bitters*, sucks away at a noggin of aqua-fortis, sweetened with brimstone, stirred with a lightning rod, and skinned by hurricane! He walks like an ox, runs like a horse, swims like an eel, yells like an Indian, fights like a devil, spouts like an earthquake, makes love like a mad bull, and can whip his weight in wild cats, or swallow a nigger without choking, if you'll butter his head and pin his ears back!

"I think so, faith. I never saw that jackass of yours run," said the boaster, beginning to hesitate—"he may be the devil and all upon a race, for what I know."

"Do you flunk out then?"

"Yes, I flunkum this time; but, by jingo, there's nothing else you can bring, except the jackass and the mule, but what my horse can beat."

"Are you certain of that, my good fellow?"

"I think so, faith."

"Why, if you're not quite certain, I'll bet you something that I've got a negro that will outrun him."

"A nigger?"

"Yes, my nigger Tom will beat him!"

"I'll bet a hundred dollars of that—there ain't no nigger that ever breathed, that can beat my horse."

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very "embodied spirit" of a backwoodsman, and the representative of a class of men now almost extinct even on the western frontier?—Like Mike Fink, the Colonel is the last of the "salt river gentry"—though in him are united many of the features that distinguished Boon and his compatriots, the hardy, fearless Pioneers of "the far West." Abounding in fun, frolic, humor, and eccentricity, he knows no fear, thinks of no danger; generous as a sailor, the stranger never goes from his door hungry, while his house and his influence are ever at the service of his friends.

We have him here, says a contemporary, at full length, delineated by an amateur who, doubtless like another Boswell, cultivated his acquaintance for the sole purpose of handing his sayings and doings down to posterity. In point of pure unadulterated originality, Col. Crockett unquestionably excels all other men living or dead. His exploits in the noble and warlike amusement of hunting bears; his facility in falling in love extempore; his Dutch stories; his gay, gallant, inexpressible good humor, and his adroitness in sending off a joke or a blow, together with the hardihood, perseverance, and generous confidence in himself which his whole life exhibits, all combined, place him and his biography far above Gulliver, Baron Trenck, Jack the Giant Killer, Captain Kidd, or even the mysterious adventures, murder, &c. of one William Morgan, of antimasonic memory! Calvin Edson, the Siamese Twins, the Wandering Piper, or even Black Hawk himself, can't begin with Davy Crockett.

He is himself alone! Your "poets" your "National Gallery" heroes, and your little great men who figure in magazines and newspapers, and your mighty authors, who mounted on the back of a mighty English critic, like King Perus on his elephant—thunder along towards a nine days immortality. Stuff! we are as tired of these as of raw head and bloody bones stories—Peter Parley's—Tom Cringle's—Legs—Travels in Italy or the United States. But here we have something a splinter new—a hero of an entire new school—the school of Nimrod Wildfire.

If ever a man deserved immortality, it is David Crockett; and if ever man had a biographer predestined from the beginning of the world—at least of the new world—to confer it upon him, it is the identical David Crockett, late member for the district of Harpocanes, and veritable owner of the unerring rifle commodly called "Betsey."

RUNNING DOWN A BOASTER.

A country fellow was one day boasting about the swiftness of his horse, and declared he could outrun any thing which went upon four legs. A neighbor of his disputed it, and said he had a mule which could beat him.

"A mule?" said the boaster—"I'll bet you a hundred dollars of that."

"Done!" said the other.

"Done!" said the boaster.

"Now cover that," said the owner of the mule, laying down a hundred dollars.

The boaster began to be frightened at this. He thought there must be something more about the mule than he was aware of, otherwise his owner would not plank a hundred dollars to run against a horse. He began to hitch about uneasily. He put his hand into his pocket; he pulled it out again; and at last said—"I don't know, I swear, about that tarnal mule; he may be the devil and all to run, for what I know."

"Do you back out then?"

"Yes, I back out, and treat." So saying, he called in the liquor; but declared that his horse could beat any thing which went upon four legs, except the mule.

"Why," said the other, "I've got a jackass that will beat him."

"I'll bet a hundred dollars of that," said the boaster.

"Done!" said the other.

And "done!" said the boaster.

"Cover that!" said the man, again putting down the hundred dollars.

"Cover that!" exclaimed the boaster—"So I will pluggify quick!"—taking out his pocket-book.

"Well cover it, if you dare—and I'll put another hundred atop of it. Why do you hesitate? Down with your dust, I say."

"I don't know, faith. I never saw that jackass of yours run," said the boaster, beginning to hesitate—"he may be the devil and all upon a race, for what I know."

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lars. But, said he, "if you back out this time, you shall forfeit ten dollars, and if I back out I'll do the same."

"Agreed," said the boaster—"I'm sure my horse can beat a nigger, if he can't a mule or a jackass."

"Well, plank the money, if you please."

"Plank it? so I will—don't you fear that."

Saying this, he once more took out his pocket-book, and began to fumble for the money.

"Come, man, down with your dust," said the other taking out more money—for I'm ready to back my bet with another hundred dollars—or two hundred, if you like it. Come! why do you hesitate? Here's three hundred dollars I'm ready to stake."

"Three hundred dollars!" exclaimed the boaster, like a stuck pig—"three hundred dollars upon a nigger—I don't know, I swear."

"What, man! you're not a going to get frightened again?"

"Frightened! Oh!—no—oh, no—it's no easy matter to frighten me—but really—"

"You mean to back out."

"I declare, neighbor, I don't know what to think about it. It's a kind o' risky business."

"You forfeit the ten dollars then?"

"Why, yes, I spose I must," said the boaster, handing over the money, with an air of great mortification—"better to lose this than more; for there's no knowing how fast these blamed niggers will run. But any thing else you can bring, except the mule, the jackass, and the nigger, I'm ready to run against."

[N. Y. Con.]

A PIG STORY.

To a person failing in business the law of this Commonwealth allows, as is well known, the privilege of keeping to himself, secure from the clutches of the Sheriff, certain articles of household furniture, a cow, pig, &c. A person in this vicinity once having the misfortune to "fail," was blest in the possession of a beautiful pig, weighing four hundred pounds. This he looked upon as his own, in spite of his creditors. Alas, poor man! he was not an adept in Yankee tricks. One of his creditors having set his heart upon having the fat "porker," consulted his lawyer and the result was a third person; a man employed for the occasion with instructions &c., was soon after seen attempting to drive a poor skeleton of a pig, past the dwelling house of the man whose sty contained the lusty "porker." Some how or other the little shrivelled up animal all at once became "desperately obstinate." Characteristic of the whole "swinish multitude," it would neither be driven nor coaxed one inch farther. The driver affected to be mighty mad and out of all patience. He declared he would give the good-for-nothing little contrary thing away, if any body would take the gift of him. "Here," said he to the man who had the fat pig, "take him and throw him over into your sty, you may have him and welcome." The unsuspecting man did accordingly, and accordingly the Sheriff (who was all prepared and waiting for the occasion,) in a few moments drove off the pig of four hundred, in triumph.—[Haverhill (Mass.) Iris.]

THE SAILOR PREACHER OF BOSTON.

A writer in the Western Monthly Magazine for August, thus graphically describes the Rev. Mr. Taylor's manner of preaching:—

Much has been done to improve the character of seamen; much to cultivate the peculiar excellencies of their temper, and make them more like men and christians. The Rev. Mr. Taylor, settled, I believe, in Boston, has been very active in this good work. He was once a sailor himself, he knows their wants, he knows how to address them; he is liberal, honest, and powerful; and I am told his influence upon the character of the mariners at that port is already visible. I once heard him preach to them; he represented us as on board a ship in a tempest; with really wonderful power he painted the coming on of the storm—the sky is hid; the ocean awakes; all is made fast; but the tempest becomes every moment more violent; the sails are torn from the yards; the masts are cut away; the ship settles down, as the waves break over her. "And now," he said, in that low, calm, distinct tone, that goes more home to the soul than any other, "now, my friends, that our canvass is gone, not a spar left for a jury mast, and the leak gaining upon us, what shall we do? Hark! do you hear the waters as they rush below? Do you not see her settle by the head? Do you not hear her tremble?" And now he leaned forward, and gradually raised his voice, till it seemed almost to bespeak agony. "One moment more, fellow sailors, and this good ship of ours will sink into the deep; a moment more, and we that have laughed, and sung, and made merry within the hour, will be struggling with the eternal waves; but we shall swim and struggle in vain? we must die, if there be no help at hand; and is there none?—is there no way of escape?—save yourselves, save yourselves if you can." It was enough! I saw twenty arms thrown up, as if to catch at a rope, and an old grey headed sinner by my side hung on to the banisters, and trembled more by half than he would have done, had he indeed been wrecked. After a moment's

pause, in a low, distinct tone, the preacher continued: "Yes, fellow mariners, you may be saved; you may escape; there is a life boat at hand; seize upon it and make it yours and live—that life boat is Jesus Christ."

REMEDIES FOR AN INFLUENZA.

A country apothecary, in the course of conversation told a gentleman that he had been visiting three or four patients in a neighboring village, who were ill of an influenza.

"Pray," said the gentleman, "how do you medical gentlemen treat that complaint?"

"Why," replied the apothecary, "there is no saying how the physicians treat it, for some of them order one thing, and some of them another; but the surgeons generally bleed for it; and—as for us apothecaries—we drench!"

"Aye! that's natural enough," said the gentleman, smiling; "but you know I once studied physic myself, and have some general notions on the subject; so when this epidemic began among my servants and tenants, I ventured to prescribe barley-water for them."

"Barley-water!" cried the apothecary, with disdain, "you might as well have ordered them water gruel!"

"I might so, for which reason I gave them the choice; and what do you think was the effect?"

"Why, barley-water and water-gruel could have no effect," said the apothecary.

"It is difficult to ascertain what is the effect of many things that are prescribed; but I can at least tell you what was the consequence!"

"That is the same thing," said the apothecary.

"Not quite," replied the gentleman, "though, in the practice of physic, the one is often mistaken for the other."

"Well, what was the consequence?"

"Why, they all recovered!"

"The apothecary, having remarked that there was a great difference in constitutions, took his leave abruptly.—[Dr. Moore.]

Fire Proof Cement.

The French cement for the roofs of houses, to preserve the wood and protect it from fire, is made in the following manner:—

Take as much lime as is usual in making a pot full of white wash, and let it be mixed in a pot of water, in this put two and a half pounds of brown sugar, and 3 pounds of fine salt; mix them well together, and the cement is completed. A little lamp black, yellow ochre, coloring commodity, may be introduced to change the color of the cement, to please the fancy of those who use it. It has been used with success, and been recommended particularly as a protection against fire. Small sparks of fire that frequently lodge on the roofs of houses, are prevented by this cement from burning the shingles. So cheap and valuable a precaution against the destructive element ought not to pass untried. Those who wish to be better satisfied of its utility can easily make the experiment, by using it on a small temporary building—or it may be tried by shingles put together for the purpose, and then exposed to the fire.

[Rail Road Journal.]

RECIPE.

Among the recipes which we have seen in the newspapers lately, for various purposes is the following; for making an earthquake:—

"Take ten pounds of flour of sulphur, and ten pounds of iron filings; knead them together with water to the consistency of dough, and bury the mass eight or ten feet in the ground. In a few hours it will take fire, and cause an artificial earthquake."

Thus it would seem, with not much trouble, we might have a comfortable earthquake at any time.

Original Anecdote.

An old lady whose fidelity to her only son, in his younger days, was far from being oppressive, recently experienced the sad consequences of his elopement. While a friend was endeavoring to console her, she said, "I've often thought of this passage of scripture, but never thought I should realize it." "Train up a child, and away he'll go." [Bunker Hill Aurora.]

Extraordinary Sheep Story.

A late Plymouth (England) Journal has the subjoined strange account:—

On Friday, as four men were sheep-shearing at Radford, England, they discovered a bird's nest completely embedded in the wool on the back of one of the sheep. Not the least doubt is entertained of its having been built there; and what is still more extraordinary, the nest had every appearance of the young birds having been hatched and fledged in it. The men suppose it to be a Linnet's nest.

Laziness begets weariness.

and this put men in quest of diversions, play and company, on which, however, it is a constant attendant; he who works hard, has enough to do with himself otherwise.

Who has not heard of David Crockett, the

GAMBLING IN VIRGINIA.

This evil has reached an enormous height in the Old Dominion. The Richmond Compiler considers them an organized body raising funds and sending deputations into all the towns in Virginia, and to the Court Houses of the different counties on their respective court days. A party only two or three in number, have within the last week or two, visited Lynchburg and taken away with them twenty thousand dollars, the prize-money of their adventure. Their headquarters are in Richmond. The paper just named gives the following remarkable communication from a reformed gambler, of the general accuracy of which we entertain no doubt. It bears the marks of truth on its face:—

[Boston Mer. Jour.]

I was born in the county of Orange, in the year 1798; my parents died when I was between 19 and 20 years of age, and on a division of the estate, after selling off all that belonged to it, the portion which fell to my share was \$8,275 86, which the executor paid me in cash and bonds, in the 22d year of my age. My first object was to turn my bonds into cash, and then to get me a wife, both of which I accomplished in the 22d year of my age, having married the eldest daughter of Mr. — of the county of Spotsylvania, who in a few weeks after gave me a check on the bank of Virginia for \$3000, knowing it was my intention to locate myself in this place for the purpose of engaging in merchandize. This added to what remained of my own legacy, made me a capital of \$10,500, which I opened, as I thought, a splendid grocery, and soon commenced selling very rapidly; but unfortunately for me, I trusted too much in the country, and neglected my collections until I found myself getting behind hand. This at first caused me many restless nights, but I was some relieved by some good friends, who advised me to drown dull care in a glass of brandy, which I determined to try. I then commenced making my daily visits to an oyster house, where I met many friends, (or those who pretended to be such) by whom I was very soon invited from thence to a Faro Bank. The first night I won \$25, which relieved my mind very much, thinking it would balance my brandy account. I then determined that I would go no more, but I had got so fond of running to the oyster house every day, that I found it impossible to break off; particularly as it afforded a temporary antidote to the Blue Devils.

So I continued my visits, until my brandy account had got so large that I determined to try my luck afterwards again. I set out, and about 2 o'clock the next morning settled up and found myself \$10 gainer, which did not pay the brandy account; but I had no doubt that in a few nights more I should have enough to balance it, and have some to spare. In this way, I became a regular visitor to those hells almost every night, leaving a sick wife at home in bed, until I found I had lost several thousand dollars, which I knew must ruin me, unless I could win it back. Buoyed up with the hope of doing so, I continued my visits until I found that all the goods I had left would not pay my just debts; so I determined to sell out. The proceeds of my sale with all debts due, left me behind hand about \$2,500, and how to pay this I knew not; but after several days of painful reflection, I determined, unknown to my wife, for the purpose of raising a stake, to go to the Faro again, to make a conditional sale to a negro buyer, of a favorite house-maid given her by her father, and by this means get the sum of \$300. And off I went to the Faro again, and before the next morning had not one dollar; in consequence I was compelled the next day to confirm the sale of the girl; and when she was taken from the house, the distress it occasioned my poor wife and children would have almost brought tears from the eyes of a savage.

I determined then to end my existence by a dose of laudanum, and bought an ounce for that purpose; but my heart failed, me and I threw it away, determined to try and reform, for the sake of my dear wife and children, whom I had brought to beggary by my imprudence, and who are now dependant on her father for their daily bread.

But with my ill fate, I have the consolation of reflecting that I have seen the error of my ways. During the time that I was in the habit of visiting the Faro Bank, a youth from the county of Gloucester was sent up here by his father, to sell the only little negro boy he had, for the purpose of discharging an execution against him. In trying to effect a sale, he fell in with some black legs, who kindly offered to assist him in doing so. This offer was accepted, and sale was soon made. He was taken to an oyster house and treated, and from thence to a Faro Bank, where he was swindled out of every cent. He then sold his horse, saddle, and bridle, and returned to the Faro Bank, and they swindled him out of that. They then started him home on foot, and on reaching his father's house, he found the old man in the field at work. This was more than he could stand, and he deliberately took down a rifle and shot the ball through his own head. The first knowledge the father had of his return, was the sight of his lifeless body.

Col. Crockett's Dinner with President Adams.—"The first thing I did," said Davy, "after I got to Washington, was to go to the President's. I stepped into the President's house—thinks I, who's feared? If I didn't I wish I may be shot. Says I, 'Mr. Adams, I'm Mr. Crockett, from Tennessee.' 'So,' says he, 'how d'ye do Mr. Crockett?' and he shook me by the hand, although he know'd I went the whole hog for Jackson. If he didn't I wish I may be shot. Not only that, but he sent me a printed

ticket to dine with him. I've got it in my pocket yet. (Here the printed ticket was exhibited for the admiration of the whole company.) I went to dinner, and I walked all round the long table, looking for something that I liked. At length I took my seat beside a fat goose, and I helped myself to as much as I wanted. But I hadn't took three bites, when I looked away up the table at a man they called Tush, (Attache.) He was talking French to a woman on 'other side of the table. He dodged his head and she dodged her's, and then they got to drinking wine across the table. But when I looked back again my plate was gone goose and all. So I just cast my eyes down to 'other end of the table, and sure enough, I seed a white man walking off with my plate. I say, Hello, mister, bring back my plate. He fetched it back in a hurry as you may think: and when he set it down before me, how do you think it was? Licked as clean as my hand. If it was't I wish I may be shot. Says he, 'What will you have sir?' And says I, 'You may well ask that after stealing my goose.' And he began to laugh. Then says I, Mister, laugh if you please; but I don't half like such tricks upon travellers. I then filled my plate with bacon and greens; and whenever I looked down the table I held on to my plate with my left hand. When we were all done eating, they cleared every thing off the table, and took away the table cloth. And what do you think? There was another cloth underneath it. If there was't I wish I may be shot. Then I saw a man coming along carrying a great glass thing with a glass handle below, something like a candlestick. It was stuck full of little glass cups, with something in them that looked good to eat. Says I, Mister bring that thing here. Thinks I, let's taste them first. They were mighty sweet and good—so I took six of 'em. If I didn't I wish I may be shot.

Anecdotes of the Penobscots. They are extremely indolent, so much so, that we are told by the Rev. Mr. Conway, (the Catholic priest among them) that although the whites in the vicinity had ploughed and planted some of their land, yet they never hoed the potatoes, but claved up most of them, with their hands, before they were half grown; to this trait may be ascribed the slow progress they make towards civilization—they are too lazy to learn. It is well known that their canoes, being made of birch are extremely light, and thus it is a very ticklish matter for one not accustomed to them, to keep the centre of gravity below the proper point, this they can do to perfection in ordinary cases, but a party of them having drunk too much *ohkabee*, and being in a part of the river where the current was rapid, were upset, and one of their number, who was lame, was drowned, the others scrambled ashore. After the fumes of liquor had somewhat passed off, one old head, in alluding to their accident, spoke thus—*Spoke Indian he drink too much ohkabee—he get drunk—then he crooked leg—he cant swim—why let him dead.* Thus implying that the lame fellow had no right, or that it was not prudent for him, to drink—a very logical conclusion truly.

Good on your Head, is quite a common phrase among us "down East," used to imply satisfaction, or in the bestowal of praise. A gentleman of our acquaintance was one evening sitting in his store at Old Town, when one of their little *papposes* entered, and accosting him said, *W— you have 'em card?* No, was the abrupt answer—*Good on your head.*

The gentleman who furnished us the above anecdote, has lived some time in the vicinity of these Indians, and in the transaction of business with them has had occasion to learn their method of counting, which, as it is somewhat odd, we herewith present—observing however that the orthography is arbitrary with us, and only adopted to convey the sound. *Pnsique, neise, nasse, yeau, polingineis, nerguithus, seosurique, norvugh, tambaveen, medallath, being ten, which is as far as they can enumerate.*

A party of these Indians about a year ago, encamped in the vicinity of Belfast (at the mouth of the Penobscot) where the police laws are strictly enforced against drunkards. One of them, Joe Mitchell, having taken too much *ohkabee*, was lodged in jail till its effects should subside. It happened that the writer took a stroll to their encampment the next day, and having sat down upon a log was joined by an old Indian, when the following conversation took place—*What for you put 'em Joe in jail?* because he drank too much rum, and that's against our laws—*you have 'em law so? yes—then what for you sell 'em ohkabee?* This, like the subject matter discussed, was a "staggerer," and perceiving we did not answer it very readily, the Indian said—*well white man come here—he don't walk straight—see ty him to tree, and then added—Jo too much he love 'em ohkabee, but white man, too much he love 'em sell.* We thought this almost as good a censure upon the practice of selling rum, as that of no place to catch beaver in was upon the law of imprisonment for debt.—*Bangor Courier.*

A letter from Combahee, S. C. describing the late meteoric phenomenon, contains the following account of the alarm produced among the negroes:

Shrieks of horror and cries for mercy I could hear from most of the negroes of three plantations, which in all is about six or eight hundred. While earnestly listening for the cause, I heard a faint voice near the door calling my name.—I rose, and taking my sword, stood at the door. At this moment I heard the same voice beseech-

ing me to rise, and saying "O my God, the world is on fire." I then opened the door; and it is difficult to say which excited me most—the awfulness of the scene, or the distressed cries of the negroes; upwards of one hundred lay prostrate on the ground—some speechless, and some with the bitterest cries, but most with their hands raised, imploring God to save the world and them. The scene was truly awful; for never did rain fall much thicker, than meteors fell to the earth. East, West, North and South it was the same. I endeavored by all possible means to compose the people, who supposed it to be the stars falling.

Enterprise of a Colored Man. James Forten of Philadelphia, is said to be worth \$100,000, though not possessed of a dollar at twenty-one years of age. He served his time at the sail making business, in which he employs over twenty hands, mostly colored persons, who cost him 10,000 dollars a year. He is rather an old gentleman, and was in the state-house yard in Philadelphia, when the Declaration of Independence was read. He fought in the Revolution, and is said to have been some months confined on board the famous old Jersey prison ship, where so many Americans died, and of which a curious account has recently been given (published by William Peirce) by Mr. Andros of Berkly, who was also on board. The private character of Mr. Forten is spoken of as highly respectable. [Mer. Journal.]

RETURN OF CAPTAIN ROSS.

Late arrivals from England bring the pleasing intelligence of the safe arrival at London of Capt. Ross and his crew, after an absence of several years, during which time he has been engaged in searching for a N. W. passage.—Painful apprehensions were entertained respecting the safety of Capt. Ross and his crew.—Their safe arrival had caused quite an agreeable sensation in England. We copy from London papers a brief sketch of the voyage.

In 1829, Captain Ross fitted out an expedition, with the view to determine the practicability of a new passage which had been confidently stated to exist, particularly by Prince Regent's Inlet, and, that in consequence of the loss of the foremost of his vessels, the Victory, he was obliged to refit at Wileford, in Greenland. The account of his departure from thence on the 27th of July, 1829, formed the last authentic intelligence received of the expedition, until the commander and crew were picked up by the Isabelle, of Hull, Capt. Ross's old ship.

By Capt. Ross's account, it appears that the first season, (that of 1829) was the mildest that had ever been experienced during any preceding voyage. On the 15th of August, Capt. Ross reached the spot where the stores of the Fury were; landed without experiencing any difficulty, and there he found the provisions, &c., but not the wreck which had totally disappeared. Having supplied all his wants at this depot, he advanced to the lat. of 72 deg. North. Here he was for the first time seriously impeded by ice; but after examining an inlet, he proceeded to urge his way to the southward, as near the west shore as the shallowness of the water permitted, and occasionally landed to take possession of the newly discovered region for the British crown, with the usual ceremony. Having experienced several almost miraculous escapes from shipwrecks, they ultimately succeeded in reaching the 70 deg. of lat. in a direction nearly due south of Fury Point, where their course was arrested by an impenetrable barrier of ponderous ice. In a harbor which they found at this extreme point they wintered. In January, 1830, they opened a communication with a tribe of natives, who had never before held intercourse with strangers. Friendship was soon formed between them and the tars, and the first winter, which was not very severe, was spent pleasantly. Having learned from the natives that the east sea was divided from the west by a neck of land, the point was examined, and all hopes of effecting a passage in that direction completely extinguished.

During the autumn of 1830, the voyagers waited in vain for the ice to dissolve, as it had done the preceding year. They had not, with great exertion, proceeded more than four miles (retracing their course) when they were arrested, in a very dreary position, by the approach of a winter, unparalleled in severity—the lowest temperature being 92 degrees below the freezing point. The summer proving no less rigorous for the season, little hope was entertained of a release, and a further progress of fourteen miles was all they could accomplish.

In October, 1831, the ship was laid up in the harbor in the harbor in which she at present lies moored, and where the party endured the rigors of another year. Their provisions being consumed, they had now no alternative but to abandon the vessel and proceed to the spot where the Fury's provisions still remained—a direct distance of 200 miles, which was increased by one half in consequence of the circuitous route which the ice obliged them to take.—They accordingly left the Victory in May, 1832, and after a journey of uncommon labor and hardship, reached Fury Beach in the month of July. They had not only to carry their provisions and sick, but also a supply of fuel, for without melting snow they could not procure even a drink of water.

They repaired the Fury's boats and attempted to escape; but it was September before they reached Leopold's Island, which they have fully established to be the N. E. point of America. Here they vainly waited for the ice to break. Winter set in and they had no choice left but

to retrace their steps, and spend another inclement season in canvass huts covered with snow. They had no beds, clothing or animal food.—Capt. Ross says that their suffering cannot be completely submitted to the public, for it could not be believed what they had undergone.—The ice opened on the 14th of August, and on the same day that Capt. Humphrey's, in the Isabelle, tried to reach Leopold's Island they arrived there.

Captain Ross was the first to descry the welcome topsails; being at first uncertain, he prudently concealed his hopes until he had distinctly ascertained with his glass that he was not mistaken, and then he communicated to all the glad tidings of approaching deliverance. When they were first seen from the Isabelle, they were mistaken for the whale boats of another ship lately in company, and the Isabelle continued her course down the Inlet, but, fortunately, it became calm, and this enabled Capt. Ross's party to near the ship, when they were distinctly seen they had the happiness to see her lie to for them, and were most kindly received by their wondering and delighted men.

The circumstance that Capt. Ross was rescued by the ship he commanded in 1818, is a curious and happy conclusion of the voyage, the result of which has been to establish, that there is no new (N. W.) passage south of 74 deg.

The country they discovered, which is larger than Great Britain, has been named Boothland, after Felix Booth Esq. Sheriff of London in 1829, who much assisted Capt. Ross in fitting out the expedition.

Captain James C. Ross, the nephew of the commander, penetrated 200 miles into the interior, guided by the Esquimaux, and discovered the Magnetic Pole about 70 30 min. N. lat., 96 W. lon., on which he placed the British flag, taking possession of the spot in the name of the King.

Only three men died during the voyage, two of whom were men whose constitutions were unfit for the climate.

Capt. Ross and his nephew reached London after being received throughout their whole progress from the North of England, where they landed from the Orkneys, with acclamations, ringing of bells and every sign of rejoicing.—They had dined with the king, by whom they were most warmly welcomed, and from the heads of the admiralty, and in every other quarter had received the most gratifying reception. So incredulous was the public of the possibility of his having returned in safety, that when the news of it reached London it was taken as a hoax.

There is a letter from Capt. Back, who has gone in pursuit of Capt. Ross and his companions, in the London papers, dated 18th June, from Norway house, Jack River, where he was making preparations to insure a safe transport of his boats, crews, &c. to a wintering ground. Despatches for him, announcing the safe return of Capt. Ross, have been received at the New York Post Office, and forwarded through the agency of the Hudson Bay Company.

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, DECEMBER 10, 1833.

The opposition are entertaining their readers with most doleful stories about the bankruptcy of the Post Office Department. The country has been ruined so many times under Jackson's administration, that any embarrassment in one of the departments must be a mere trifling affair hardly worth mentioning. So slight an evil as this can hardly be felt under an administration which has preserved the country in a state of unparalleled prosperity, notwithstanding the ruin that has been so repeatedly brought upon it by the frustration of the mad schemes of disaffected politicians. Ours is indeed a most obstinate country to continue to prosper after having been so often ruined. Some fears may be entertained, when we look back upon the scenes through which we have passed, lest this department should continue to flourish, notwithstanding the bankruptcy with which the opposition have so kindly visited it. In is not the first shock of the kind which it has had to sustain, and the fond hopes and anticipations of those who delight in predicting the ruin of their country may again be deceived. The amount of insolvency is not yet agreed upon by the opposition but ranges from eighty to eight hundred thousand dollars. One would think that if these gentlemen had any regard for their own reputation or wished to entitle themselves to the confidence of their readers they would have waited for the official information, which will soon be laid before the public, and from which all will be enabled to judge of the condition of this and all the other departments of the government.

Had the opposition any hope or even desire of having their complaints and accusations believed it would naturally be supposed that they would hesitate at making them before, if not evidence or at least probability was furnished of the existence of the evils alleged. But this recklessness has become so notorious that even their warmest friends must receive even the truth with doubt and hesitation. If they can deceive any it must be those who wish to be deceived.

While the success of the present administration and the prosperity which the country enjoys

under it are disarming the opposition of the honest portion of the community who were unfriendly to the election of Gen. Jackson, the "nationals" are endeavoring to fill their ranks with the disaffected, who have been disappointed in their schemes of ambition or punished for misconduct. They exult loudly in every such accession of congenial spirits, and overthrow the administration on paper and ruin the country every little while, doubtless to the great satisfaction of their readers. These deserters are talked about for a time by the opposition as martyrs to their principles, though their conduct shows that their principle is only selfishness or the love of office. But they are soon forgotten, and sink beneath even the contempt of the opposition who cannot but despise the traitors though they love the treason. They lift up their hands with holy horror when a man, who has been or is a supporter of the present administration, is removed from office for unfaithfulness or misconduct in the discharge of his duty. They are astonished that a man should be removed for dishonesty while he is or professes to be a supporter of the party in power. They seem to think that the offences of such should be winked at or left to be exposed by the succeeding administration. It may be at variance with the principles acted upon by the late administration, but the people did not change men for the purpose of continuing the same measures. They are not willing that past services or reputation should shield the dishonest or corrupt. This is a part of that reform which the opposition hold in so much contempt.

The President's Message was received too late for insertion in this week's paper. Mr. Stevenson is elected Speaker. Walter S. Franklin of Pennsylvania on the third ballot was elected Clerk by the following vote:—Walter S. Franklin had 117 votes. Mathew St. Clair Clark had 110.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS.

	Mason	Washington	Scott.
19 Towns in } our last, }	947	427	146
Newry,	25	2	2
Gilead,	20	10	2
Greenwood,	75	5	1
Wilton,	69	22	23
Leeds,	31	56	17
Hamlin's Grant,	5		
Andover,	27	50	
Waterford,	45	40	
	1244	606	191

[From the Age.]

The executive Council convened on Monday last, for the purpose of examining the returns of votes for Senators. We succeeded last evening, in obtaining the results. They are as follows:—

NOTES FOR SENATORS.

OFFICIAL CANVASS.

	Republican.	Federalist	
York County.	Cogswell, 3736	Porter, 2163	
Scatterings, 276.	Pease, 3062	Putnam, 2111	
M. Cogswell	Bradbury, 3064	Lincoln, 2162	
Camden County.	Cobb, 4556	Gerrish, 3220	
Scatterings, 31.	Howard, 4163	Perley, 3299	
Lincoln County.	Perce, 4821	Grosvener, 3255	
Scatterings, 33.	Smith, 400	Packard, 3269	
Lincoln County.	Groton, 3356	Randall, 2479	
Scatterings, 265.	Manning, 3365	Barnard, 2429	
Anti-Masonic candidates.	Labadie, 3274	Herrick, 2429	
Kennebec County.	Frye, 3884	St. Julian, 2476	
Scatterings, 1733.	Of the scattering, 177 were for the		
Anti-Masonic candidates.	Baker, 2836	Preacock, 2433	
Waldo County.	Grant, 3042	Emmons, 2402	
Scatterings, 685.	Shaw, 3045	Wyman, 2455	
Anti-Masonic candidates.	Williamson, 1267	Ide, 503	
Hancock & Washington Counties.	Knoblock, 1770	Haskell, 551	
Western District.	Allen, 872	Pond, 574	
Scatterings, 8.	Bridgeham, 895	Hill, 634	
Middle District.	Bridges, 439	Faller, 533	
Scatterings, 20.	Scatterings 634—of these, 600 for Anson G. Chandler.		
Eastern District.	Rogers, 3136	French, 1527	
Scatterings, 538—of these, 437 for Anti-Masonic candidates.	Kelsey, 3111	Gilman, 1473	
Somerset County.	Porter, 5344	Read, 1802	
Scatterings, 532—of these, 456 for Anti-Masonic candidates.	Farnsworth, 2163	Warren, 1843	
Orford County.	Tobin, 3187	Bradford, 1507	
Scatterings, 504—of these, 479 for Anti-Masonic candidates.	Brown, 3163	Wyman, 1575	

Republicans elected, 21—Federalists do. 3—One vacancy.

In looking over the list of Representatives elected to the State Legislature, so far as we have received the names of the members elect, we were struck with the fact that out of the large Republican majority in the house there appears to be only three lawyers. The federalists, in the county of Kennebec alone, have sent into the house no less than five members of the profession. We were also amused at another fact disclosed by the list. Out of the six or eight members in the house supposed to be devoted to Mr. Preble's interests, two, or one third, or a quarter at least, are young Lawyers. We have always repudiated the idea, as

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[From the Pittsburg Friend.]

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[Sketch Book.]

About the middle of April, four years since, in a western travel, I visited a small village on the north bank of the Ohio. It was a new settlement, and the only building of note in the place was the residence of a relative of the name of Dermond. The edifice overlooked the river, which flowed in a wide and beautiful channel a quarter of a mile distant. A porch in front of the house afforded a delightful retreat in the sultry afternoons. A little way below, about twenty log cabins figured in the irregular lines which comprised the extent of the village. I remained here some weeks, and soon formed a strict friendship with young Dermond—a youth of a noble disposition in many things, but entertaining strange and haughty notions of family gentility, which he displayed on all occasions in his intercourse with his humble townsmen. One afternoon in the heat of a discussion, one of those showers which have procured for April the epithet of "the inconstant," among the months, broke suddenly over the country. Mrs. Dermond now came to the porch where we were seated and requested her son's umbrella, stating that a young girl a resident of the town, was in the house who desired to return home immediately, having left an infant brother alone in a cradle by an open window, where the rain must now be breaking in. Upon ascertaining the name of the girl, he laughed and calling the hired man, bade him take the old umbrella and "gallant Lowell's daughter home." In a few minutes the couple passed down before the porch when the laughter of my friend became excessive at the "burlesque of gallantry," as he termed it. The maiden, conscious that she was exposed awkwardly to our view, walked with a downcast look and reserved step, whilst her escort with bustling attention held over her a shattered, leaky umbrella, and ever and anon lifted her up in his arms across the swelling rivulets. At length Dermond, turned to me, observed that the girl was the daughter of a boatman who was then trading down the river, with a small cargo of spirits. Her mother was dead and she was compelled to labor during her father's absence, to support herself and her infant brother.

The atmosphere was clear and the country looked delightful the next morning, as I started down the river. The road for a long way was lined with trees. Among them was the service-berry now in full bloom. I felt a wish springing up to spend my life in such a place.

In a tour through Kentucky last autumn I was induced to visit the Dermonds once more. I crossed the river a few miles below the village, and employed myself as I approached it, in musing on the changes time had wrought. The woods and groves, which formerly I had so much admired, were all gone, and yellow cornfields occupied their place.—Here and there stood a tall oak or cypress, as a shade tree, waiting in the breeze, as it were in lamentation for its perished fellows. It, thought I, that sacred charm inspires the soul, when contemplating after a long lapse of time the places of former resort, the tree, the hill, or the stream, that serves as a remembrance of some hour of glee, if this best feeling is but a dreamy phantasm of the mind—a hallucination, as some would contend, that vanishes at the approach of clear reason, may the pleasing delusion ever encircle me!

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[Sketch Book.]

About the middle of April, four years since, in a western travel, I visited a small village on the north bank of the Ohio. It was a new settlement, and the only building of note in the place was the residence of a relative of the name of Dermond. The edifice overlooked the river, which flowed in a wide and beautiful channel a quarter of a mile distant. A porch in front of the house afforded a delightful retreat in the sultry afternoons. A little way below, about twenty log cabins figured in the irregular lines which comprised the extent of the village. I remained here some weeks, and soon formed a strict friendship with young Dermond—a youth of a noble disposition in many things, but entertaining strange and haughty notions of family gentility, which he displayed on all occasions in his intercourse with his humble townsmen. One afternoon in the heat of a discussion, one of those showers which have procured for April the epithet of "the inconstant," among the months, broke suddenly over the country. Mrs. Dermond now came to the porch where we were seated and requested her son's umbrella, stating that a young girl a resident of the town, was in the house who desired to return home immediately, having left an infant brother alone in a cradle by an open window, where the rain must now be breaking in. Upon ascertaining the name of the girl, he laughed and calling the hired man, bade him take the old umbrella and "gallant Lowell's daughter home." In a few minutes the couple passed down before the porch when the laughter of my friend became excessive at the "burlesque of gallantry," as he termed it. The maiden, conscious that she was exposed awkwardly to our view, walked with a downcast look and reserved step, whilst her escort with bustling attention held over her a shattered, leaky umbrella, and ever and anon lifted her up in his arms across the swelling rivulets. At length Dermond, turned to me, observed that the girl was the daughter of a boatman who was then trading down the river, with a small cargo of spirits. Her mother was dead and she was compelled to labor during her father's absence, to support herself and her infant brother.

The atmosphere was clear and the country looked delightful the next morning, as I started down the river. The road for a long way was lined with trees. Among them was the service-berry now in full bloom. I felt a wish springing up to spend my life in such a place.

In a tour through Kentucky last autumn I was induced to visit the Dermonds once more. I crossed the river a few miles below the village, and employed myself as I approached it, in musing on the changes time had wrought. The woods and groves, which formerly I had so much admired, were all gone, and yellow cornfields occupied their place.—Here and there stood a tall oak or cypress, as a shade tree, waiting in the breeze, as it were in lamentation for its perished fellows. It, thought I, that sacred charm inspires the soul, when contemplating after a long lapse of time the places of former resort, the tree, the hill, or the stream, that serves as a remembrance of some hour of glee, if this best feeling is but a dreamy phantasm of the mind—a hallucination, as some would contend, that vanishes at the approach of clear reason, may the pleasing delusion ever encircle me!

My musings vanished with the wind, as my horse started at the rapid approach of a gig before me. A gentleman and lady dressed after the engravings of fashion, were whirled past, seeming, by their inattention to the country and to myself, to hold the universe without them as a blank.—I turned a hill, when the prospect burst upon my eyes like a scene of enchantment. A beautiful town, with large and regular streets—a court house and a lofty church with shining steeples greeted my sight. All seemed new and tasteful. I rode up the principal street and thought within myself that the tenants of the cabins had moved farther west, and a higher order of society had supplanted them, with whom my friend might associate without compromising his exalted notions.—After some inquiry I found Mr. Dermond's residence, which had received such a brushing up of late, that I hardly recognized it.—The bricks were painted over and lined; the porch had received a new coat of white; and tin spouts had been erected along the roof.—It looked extremely well. Mrs. Dermond welcomed me in, and I soon found that time had not the least chilled her hospitable feelings. After some time she informed me that her son was engaged to be married in a few days to a Miss Lowell, the daughter of a rich trader, and that he had taken his intended but half an hour before on an evening ride down the river. At mention of the name and the occupation of the father, a thought darted through my mind, and I hastily inquired if they had long been residents of the place. She answered with a slight blush that they were among the first settlers. I now ascertained, to my inexpressible surprise, that the fashionable Mrs. Lowell was the self same maiden whom the hired man had escorted under the leaky umbrella! In a short time the gig I had met on the river bank rolled up to the door; young Dermond jumped out, and with the grace of an Italian handed into the house his amiable intended. His cheeks were flushed, and his eyes all animation, as he welcomed me and gave me an introduction. During the evening much was said about the coming nuptials, and I was entreated to wait with them and partake of the wedding feast. Miss Lowell came to me and whispered she would give me some pound cake to sleep on; she then walked gracefully across the room to a sofa. Dermond himself escorted her home that evening, and held over her a parasol, although the sun was low.

REDMOND.

Mr. Cobbett. William Muscles is a powerful man; he is one of the people, to the backbone; of the old school of radicals—he hates the philosophers like poison. He thinks Thistlewood a glorious fellow; and no words can express his hatred of William Pitt. He has got at last into Parliament, which he always declared he could convince in a fortnight that he was the sole person in the universe fit to govern England; whenever he speaks, he says one word about England to fifty about America. Presidents with five thousand a year, are the visions that float forever in his brain; he seeth not the speaker of the House of Commons should have more than a hundred a year; he knoweth many an honest man among his constituents who would be speaker for less.—He accuses the aristocracy of an absolute and understood combination to cheat the good citizens of his borough. He thinks that Lord Grey and Sir Robert Peel meet in private, to consult how they may most tax the working class. He hates the Jews because they don't plough. He has no desire that the poor man should be instructed. He considers the cry against taxes on knowledge as sheer cant. He hath a mortal hatred to Museums, and asketh the utility of insects. His whole thought for the poor is how they shall get bread and bacon; he despiseth the man who prefereth tea to ale. He is thoroughly English; no other land could have produced the bones and gristles of his mind. He writeth a plain, strong style, and uttereth the monstrous incredibleities, as if they were indisputable. He thinks fine words and good periods utter abomination. He esteemeth himself before all men. He believes that the ministers have consulted several times on the necessity of poisoning him. He is indignant if others pretend to serve the people; they are his property. He is the incarnation of popular prejudices and natural sense. He is changeable as a weather-cock, because he is all passion. He is the living representative of the old John Bull, when he dies he will leave no like; it was the work of centuries to amalgamate so much talent, nonsense, strength, and foibles, in one man of five feet eight, he is the old radical; the great aboriginal of annual parliamentarism; he is the land-mark of reform fifty years ago; you may white-wash and put new characters on him, but he sticketh still in the same place; he is not to be moved to suit the whims of the philosophers. He hath done his work; a machine excellent at its day—course, huge, massive, and uncouth; not being easily put out of order, but never perfectly going right. People have invented new machines, all better for being less rude; and regulated by a wiser principle, though wrong from a less strong material.—*Bulwer's England and the English.*

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having contracted with the town of Turner, to take care of Jotham Briggs and wife, town paupers, for the current year, and they having left the suitable provision which he has made for them; he therefore cautions all persons against trusting them on his account, or of said town, as no debts of their contracting will be paid either by himself, or the town aforesaid.

MARTIN HARRIS.

Turner, Nov. 18, 1833.

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AT A COURT OF PROBATE HELD AT PARIS WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OXFORD,

on the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

SUKEY STARR, Executrix of the last will and testament of William Starr late of Livermore in said County, deceased, having presented her first account of administration of the estate of said deceased.

That the said Executrix give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Livermore in said County, on the eighteenth day of September next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have why the same should not be allowed.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.

Copy, Attest: JOSEPH G. COLK, Register.

At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

LYMAN RAWSON Administrator of the estate of David Lufkin late of Rumford in said County, deceased, having presented his first account of administration of the estate of said deceased.

That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the first Tuesday of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have why the same should not be allowed.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.

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At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

PERCIVAL BARTLETT Administrator of the estate of Percival Bartlett late of Bethel in said County, deceased, having presented his first account of administration of the estate of said deceased.

That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the first Tuesday of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have why the same should not be allowed.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.

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At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

JAMES STARR Administrator of the estate of David Starr late of Waltham in the county of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts having presented his second account of administration of the estate of said deceased.

That the said Administrator give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the first Tuesday of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have why the same should not be allowed.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.

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At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

REUEL WASHBURN named Executrix in a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Isaac Lovewell late of Livermore in said County deceased, having presented the same for probate.

That the said Reuel Washburn give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the first Tuesday of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have why the said instrument should not be proved, approved, and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.

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At a Court of Probate held at Paris within and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-sixth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

WILLIAM PRATT named Executrix in a certain instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Hannah Burrows late of Hebron in said County Widow deceased, having presented the same for probate.

That the said William Pratt give notice to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat printed at Paris, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at Paris in said County, on the first Tuesday of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shew cause, if any they have why the said instrument should not be proved, approved, and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased.

STEPHEN EMERY, Judge.

Copy, Attest: JOSEPH G. COLK, Register.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the estate of

NATHAN STEARNS,

late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, yeoman deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

BARTHOLOMEW BARTLETT,

Bethel, Nov. 26, 1833.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that he has been duly appointed and taken upon himself the trust of Administrator on the estate of

NATHAN KNAPP,

late of Rumford in the County of Oxford, Esquire deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—He therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon to exhibit the same to

DAVID KNAPP,

Rumford, Nov. 26, 1833.

THE subscriber hereby gives public notice to all concerned, that she has been duly appointed and taken upon herself the trust of Executrix of the last Will and Testament of

NICHOLAS SMITH,

late of Paris in the County of Oxford yeoman deceased, by giving bond as the law directs.—She therefore requests all persons who are indebted to the said deceased's estate to make immediate payment; and those who have any demands thereon, to exhibit the same to

REBECCA SMITH.

Paris, Nov. 26, 1833.

Administrator's Sale.

TO be sold at public auction agreeably to license from the Probate Court for said County of Oxford on Wednesday the fifteenth day of January next at one o'clock P. M. at the house of Isaac Knight late of Bethel in said County deceased, (now occupied by Samuel McAllister) the sum of one hundred dollars for the payment of his debts, incidental charges and charges of administration.

Said estate lies in Bethel aforesaid and consists of about one hundred and seventy acres of good land, a dwelling house and barn on the same. Subject to the innumerable of the widows dower, the reversion of which will be sold if necessary. Terms made known at the time of sale.

SAMUEL F. RAWSON, Adm'r.

Paris, Nov. 26, 1833.

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With a view to meet the wishes, as well as the wants of the public, it is contemplated to issue, on or about the first of January next,

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In order to render the publication complete in every department, arrangements have been made for an acquisition of valuable assistance; and as soon as the patronage will warrant, a series of ENGRAVINGS, illustrative of celebrated structures or distinguished individuals, will periodically accompany the work.

THE ATHENIAN being unincumbered in its utility, will be equally devoted to every section of the Union, and will comprehend every subject which may be worthy of observation or productive of interest.

Aware that the offer of rewards to literary aspirants has elicited some highly creditable specimens of American literature,—which will be the particular aim of The Athenian to encourage,—premiums for a variety of such articles as are suitable for its columns, will be offered early in January. As the amount must depend greatly on the patronage received, and as the publishers are desirous of exercising a degree of liberality that will afford an additional inducement for competition of a higher order, they cannot but hope that the public generally will second their endeavors to generate and foster native talent.

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